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1.0 Lead/Cooperating/Participating Agencies

1.1 List of Agencies, Roles, and Responsibilities

1.1.1 Overview to the Project and the Coordination Plan

The California High Speed Train (CAHST) system is intended to serve future intercity travel demand in California traverses a diverse set of communities, regions, and natural resources. As a result, there is a critical need to engage and coordinate with a number of public agencies in the planning, design, permitting, construction, and implementation of this landmark statewide rail system. This coordination plan identifies public agencies that the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) will consult during the project-level Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) and describes the process by which the Authority and FRA proposes to seek guidance and share information during the preparation of the EIR/EIS.

This Agency Coordination Plan establishes a formal procedure by which interested governmental agencies can participate in the environmental review process. The purpose of the Agency Coordination Plan is to facilitate and document the lead agencies' structured interaction with the public and other agencies as well as to inform groups of how the plan will be implemented. The coordination plan promotes an efficient, streamlined process, as well as good project management through coordination, scheduling, and early resolution of issues.

1.1.2 Participating Agencies

This Agency Coordination Plan seeks to include Federal, State, regional, and local government agencies that may have an interest in a transportation project and participate in the environmental review process for that project. Nongovernmental organizations and private entities cannot serve as participating agencies. The Authority and FRA have identified the agencies below as potential participants in the Bakersfield to Palmdale High Speed Train (HST) Project EIR/EIS. The selection of these agencies represents a good faith, common-sense effort to identify and involve interested agencies early on, the objective being to raise and resolve issues as early and quickly as possible. Coordination with Native American tribes is addressed in a separate Tribal Consultation Plan.

The roles and responsibilities of participating agencies include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process starting at the earliest possible time, especially with regard to the development of the purpose and need statement, range of alternatives, methodologies, and the level of detail for the analysis of alternatives.
- Identifying, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts.
- Providing meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues.
- Participating in the scoping process. The scoping process should be designed so that agencies whose interest in the project comes to light as a result of initial scoping activities are invited to participate and still have an opportunity for involvement.

1.1.3 Cooperating Agencies

Cooperating Agencies are those federal agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise that have been specifically requested by the lead agency to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document for the project. Cooperating and other Participating Agencies that have been sent invitations for this project, as well as their responsibilities, are listed in the tables below and their contact information is provided later in Section 2 of this Coordination Plan.

The Cooperating Agencies for this project have roles and responsibilities that include, but are not limited to:

- Participating in the NEPA process starting at the earliest possible time, including with regard to the development of the purpose and need statement, range of alternatives, and methodologies;
- Identifying, as early as practicable, any issues of concern regarding the project's potential environmental or socioeconomic impacts. Cooperating Agencies are also allowed to participate in the issue resolution process;
- Providing meaningful and timely input on unresolved issues; and
- Reviewing and providing comment on the preliminary draft DEIS and the preferred alternative.

If new information reveals the need to request another agency to serve as a Cooperating Agency, FRA/Authority will issue that agency an invitation.

1.1.4 Responsible Agencies

Responsible Agencies, as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), are those local and state governmental agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise that have discretionary approval power over a project. Examples of approval authority include review, approval, or permitting authority over a project. While the lead agency (the Authority) is responsible for considering all environmental impacts of a project before approving it, a responsible agency has a more specific charge: to consider only those aspects of a project that are subject to the responsible agency's jurisdiction. Under CEQA, responsible agencies have two sets of responsibilities. First, they must respond in a timely fashion to lead agency requests for information or comments at various stages in preparation of the EIR. Second, they must fulfill their role after the Authority acts on a project in approving or acting on the project. Responsible and Participating Agencies that have been sent invitations for this project, as well as their responsibilities, are listed in the tables below and their contact information is provided later in Section 2 of this Coordination Plan.

1.1.5 Initial Coordination

The FRA, with assistance from the Authority, submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS, as required by CEQ regulations 40 CFR 1501.7. The NOI was published in the Federal Register on September 4, 2009. Notification of the preparation of the EIS was also published in the project area newspapers. The NOI announced a series of scoping meetings at which agencies, organizations, and the public could learn about the EIS process and raise initial concerns about the project and the scope of the environmental documentation. Three scoping meetings were held in September 2009. The scoping comment period extended through November 2, 2009.

1.1.5 Lead Agencies

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
Federal Railroad Administration	Federal Lead Agency	Manage agency coordination process; prepare EIS; provide opportunity for public and cooperating/participating agency involvement
California High-Speed Rail Authority	State Lead Agency	Manage agency coordination process; prepare EIR, provide opportunity for public and cooperating/participating agency involvement

1.1.6 Potential Participating Resource Agencies (and Responsible or Cooperating Agencies)

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
Federal		
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	Participating Agency	Oversees implementation and compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act. Participates in Section 106 consultation regarding project impacts.
Bureau of Reclamation	Participating Agency	Oversees water resource management, specifically as it applies to the oversight and/or operation of numerous water diversions.
Department of Homeland Security	Participating Agency	Responsible for protecting United States territory from terrorist attacks and responding to natural disasters.
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Participating Agency	Implements Executive Order 11988 – encroachments on regulated floodplains.
National Park Service	Participating Agency	Manages federal parks and parks acquired and/or developed under the Land and Water Conservation Act. Implements the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
Natural Resources Conservation Service	Participating Agency	Implements the Farmland Protection Policy Act.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District and South Pacific Division	Invited Cooperating Agency	Implements Clean Water Act, Section 404. Implements Executive Order 11990 – Preservation of Wetlands.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9	Participating Agency	Oversees the implementation of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, including NEPA review responsibilities. Provides overall authority for Clean Water Act, Section 404.

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8	Participating Agency	Consults under Endangered Species Act. Implements Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Manages federal wildlife refuge system. Reviews Biological Assessment and issues Biological Opinion for the project.
State		
California Air Resources Board	Participating Agency	Responsible for monitoring the regulatory activity of California's 35 local air districts, issuing statewide guidance on clear air regulations and climate change
California Department of Conservation	Participating Agency	Administers agricultural conservation programs including California Land Conservation Act (Williamson Act) and California Farmland Conservancy Program. Monitors farmland conversion.
California Department of Fish and Game, Regions 4 and 5	Participating/Responsible Agency	Regulates activities occurring in streams and/or lakes that could adversely affect fish or wildlife resources.
California Department of Parks and Recreation	Participating Agency	Manages State Park system.
California Department of Toxic Substances Control	Participating/Responsible Agency	Issues permits for the transfer, recycling, treatment and disposal of hazardous wastes.
California Department of Water Resources	Responsible Agency	Regulates state water resources.
California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)	Participating Agency	Responsible for developing, implementing, and enforcing state environmental protection laws
California State Lands Commission	Participating/Responsible Agency	Manages public rights of access to many of the State's waterways. Encroachment permits must be obtained for construction and other projects. Administers "Public Trust" lands.
Native American Heritage Commission	Participating/Responsible Agency	Provides procedures for notifying most likely descendants regarding the discovery of Native American human remains and associated grave goods. Maintains an inventory of sacred places.
Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles (4) and Central Valley (5)	Participating/Responsible Agency	Implements federal Clean Water Act and state Porter-Cologne Water Pollution Control Act.
State Historic Preservation Officer	Participating Agency	Ensures that projects carried out or sponsored by federal and state agencies comply with federal and state historic preservation laws.

1.1.7 Potential Participating Transportation Agencies (and Responsible or Cooperating Agencies)

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
Federal Highway Administration, California Division	Participating Agency	Federal and state highway jurisdiction
Federal Transit Administration, Region IX	Participating Agency	Approval and funding of construction for transit improvements
Antelope Valley Transit Authority	Participating Agency	Coordination of transit services and feeder systems
California Department of Transportation, District 6 and 7, Division of Rail	Participating/Responsible Agency	Encroachment permit, highway access, modification reviews, conformance with safety regulations at airports and coordination of intercity passenger rail issues with Amtrak.
California Public Utilities Commission	Participating Agency	Grade crossings, grade separations, systems safety
California Transportation Commission	Participating Agency	Funding of construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvement throughout California
Golden Empire Transit District	Participating Agency	Public transit operator
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LAMTA)	Participating Agency	Consistency with MTA 2001 Long Range Transportation Plan for the funding of highway, passenger rail, and transit improvements in the Los Angeles region.
Metrolink Commuter Train Service	Participating Agency	Coordination of transit services and feeder systems

1.1.8 Interested Local Agencies

Agency Name	Role	Responsibilities
Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of Arvin	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of Bakersfield	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of Lancaster	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of Palmdale	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
City of Tehachapi	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS

Community of Mojave	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
Community of Rosamond	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
Air Force Plant 42	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
Kern Council of Governments (COG)	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
Kern County	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
Kern County Air Pollution Control District (APCD)	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
Kern County Resource Management Agency (RMA)	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning	Participating/Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District	Participating/Responsible Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS
Southern California Association of Governments	Participating Agency	Review of documents from EIR/EIS

1.2 Agency Contact Information

This draft of the Coordination Plan contains a number of prospective participating agencies. Following the response to the invitation letters to participate in the Bakersfield to Palmdale HST Project EIR/EIS, the list of agencies will be updated to include those that elect to participate and to exclude those that decline to participate. At the time the Coordination Plan is updated, agency contacts will be revised with the specific contact identified by the participating agency. The contact information for each agency identified in Section 1.1 is provided below.

1.2.1 Lead Agencies

Agency	Contact Person	Title	Phone	Email
Federal Railroad Administration	David Valenstein	Environmental Program Manager	(202) 493-6368	david.valenstein@fra.dot.gov
California High-Speed Rail Authority	Carrie Bowen	Regional Director	(559) 221-2636	cbowen@hsr.ca.gov

1.2.2 Resource Agencies

Agency	Contact Person	Title	Phone	E-Mail
Federal				
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)	John Fowler	Executive Director	202-606-8528	jfowler@achp.gov
Bureau of Reclamation	Donald R. Glaser	Regional Director	916-978-5005	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting
Department of Homeland Security	Janet Napolitano	Secretary	202-282-8000	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region IX	Nancy Ward	Regional Administrator	510-627-7027	Nancy.Ward@dhs.gov
	Sally Zoikowski	Mitigation Division Chief	510-627-7100	Sally.Zoikowski@dhs.gov
National Park Service	Jonathan Jarvis	Regional Director, Pacific West Region	510-817-1304	Jon_Jarvis@nps.gov
Natural Resources Conservation Service	Jae Lee	Area Conservationist, Riverside Area Office	951-684-3722	Jae.Lee@ca.usda.gov
U.S. Department of Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District	David Castanon	Division Chief Regulatory Branch	213-452-3406	David.J.Castanon@usace.army.mil
U.S. Department of Army Corps of Engineers, South Pacific District	Jane Hicks	Chief	213-452-3908	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9	Carolyn Mulvihill	NEPA Reviewer	(415) 947-3554	mulvihill.carolyn@epa.gov
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Region 8	Ren Lohofener	Regional Director	916-414-6712	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Sacramento Field Office	Ken Sanchez Jan King	San Joaquin Valley Br. Chief, Endangered Species Program	916-414-6600	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting

Agency	Contact Person	Title	Phone	E-Mail
State				
California Air Resources Board	Jim Lerner		916-322-6007	Jlerner@arb.ca.gov
California Department of Conservation	Bridgett Luther	Director	916-322-1080	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting
California Department of Fish and Game, Regions 4 and 5	Jeffrey Single	Regional Manager, Central Region	559-243-4005	jsingel@dfg.ca.gov
	Ed Pert	Regional Manager, South Coast Region	858-467-4201	epert@dfg.ca.gov
California Department of Parks and Recreation	Richard Rayburn	Chief of Natural Resources	916-653-6725	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting
California Department of Toxic Substances Control	Maziar Movassaghi	Acting Director	916-322-0504	MMovassa@dtsc.ca.gov
California Department of Water Resources	Barbara McDonnell	Chief of Environmental Services	916-651-9777	bmcdonne@water.ca.gov
California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)	Linda Adams	Secretary for Environmental Protection	916-445-3846	LAdams@water.ca.gov
California State Lands Commission (CSLC)	Judy Brown	Public Land Manager	916-574-1868	brownj@slc.ca.gov
Native American Heritage Commission	Debbie Pilas-Treadway	Environmental Specialist III	916-653-4038	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting
	Larry Myers	Executive Secretary	916-653-4082	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting
Regional Water Quality Control Board (4) and (5)	Tracy Egoscue	Exec Officer Los Angeles Reg (4)	213-576-6605	tegoscue@waterboards.ca.gov
	Pamela Creedon	Exec Officer Central Valley Reg (5)	916-341-5044	pcreedon@waterboards.ca.gov
State Historic Preservation Officer	Steve Mikesell	State Historic Preservation Officer	916-651-8453	Smikesell@parks.ca.gov

Agency	Contact Person	Title	Phone	E-Mail
	Joseph McDole	State Historian	916-653-8972	jmcdoles@parks.ca.gov

1.2.3 Transportation Agencies

Agency	Contact Person	Title	Phone	E-Mail
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Region IX	Cindy Vigue	Director, State Programs	916-498-5017	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting
	Gene Fong	Division Administrator	916-498-5014	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting
Federal Transit Administration, Region IX	Ray Sukys	Dir. Planning and Program Development	415-744-3113	Raymond.Sukys@fta.dot.gov
Federal Transit Administration, Office of Planning and Environment	Susan Borinsky	Associate Administrator	202-366-4033	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting
Antelope Valley Transit Authority	Randy Floyd	Executive Director	661-729-2208	rfloyd@avta.com
California Department of Transportation, District 6	Malcom Dougherty	District Director	559-488-4082	Malcom.Dougherty@dot.ca.gov
	Sharri Bender Ehlert	Acting Central Region Environmental Division Chief	559-243-8150	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting
California Department of Transportation, District 7	Doug Failing	District Director	213-897-3656	Doug.Failing@dot.ca.gov
California Department of Transportation Division of Rail	Bill Bronte	Chief	916-653-3060	Bill.bronte@dot.ca.gov
California Public Utilities Commission	Moses Stites	Rail Crossings Engineering Section	415-713-0092	Ms2@cpuc.ca.gov
California Transportation Commission	Bimla Rhinehart	Executive Director	916-654-4245	Bimla.rhinehart@dot.ca.gov
Golden Empire Transit District	Karen King	CEO	661-324-9874	kking@getbus.org

Agency	Contact Person	Title	Phone	E-Mail
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LAMTA)	Arthur T. Leahy	CEO	213-922-6888	leahya@metro.net
Metrolink Commuter Train Service	David R. Solow	CEO	213-452-0200	solowd@scrra.net

1.2.4 Local Agencies

Agency	Contact Person	Title	Phone	E-Mail
Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District	Eldon Heaston	Executive Director	661 723-8070	eheaston@avaqmd.ca.gov
City of Arvin	Alan Christensen	City Manager	616 854-3134	Alanc@arvin.org
City of Bakersfield	Alan Tandy	City Manager	661 326-3751	AdmMgr@bakersfieldcity.us
City of Lancaster	Mark V. Bozigian	City Manager	661 723-6133	mbozigian@cityoflancasterca.org
City of Palmdale	Steve Williams	Manager	661-267-5100	swilliams@cityofpalmdale.org
City of Tehachapi	Greg Garrett	City Manager	661 822-2200	ggarrett@tehachapicityhall.com
Community of Mojave				
Community of Rosamond	Willie Gilbert	Municipal Advisory Board Chair		Web Site Only - http://www.rosamondmac.org/contact.php
Air Force Plant 42	Timothy W. Hughes	Deputy Dir. Air Force Plant 42	661-272-6759	Timothy.hughes@edwards.af.mil
Kern Council of Governments	Ron Brummett	Executive Director	661-861-2191	rbrummett@kerncog.org
Kern County	John Nilon	County Administrative Officer	661-868-3198	jnilon@co.kern.ca.us
Kern County Air Pollution Control District	David L. Jones	Air Pollution Control Officer	661-862-5250	kcapcd@co.kern.ca.us
Kern County Resource Management Agency	Dave Price III	Director	661-862-8802	rma@co.kern.ca.us

Agency	Contact Person	Title	Phone	E-Mail
Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning	John Sanabria	Director	213 974- 6405	jsanabria@planning.lacou nty.gov
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District	Sayed Sadredin	Air Pollution Control Officer	559-230- 6000	Sayed.Sadredin@valleyair .com
	David Warner	Director of Permit Services	559-230- 5900	Dave.Warner@valleyair.o rg
Southern California Association of Governments	Hasan Ikhata	Executive Director	213 236- 1800	To be obtained at initial Technical Working Group meeting

2.0 Coordination Points and Responsibilities

2.1 Coordination Points, Information Requirements and Responsibilities

2.1.1 Invitation to Participate

All prospective participating agencies will be invited to participate in writing by the Authority. Invitations to cooperating federal agencies will be sent by the FRA. State, regional, and local governmental agencies will be invited to participate by the Authority. Federal agencies that decline to participate are asked to indicate so in writing and to provide an explanation for their decision. If no response to the invitation letter is received from other public agencies, it is assumed that they will not serve as participating agencies. This section lists key coordination points, including which agency is responsible for activities during that coordination point, the information required at each coordination point, and who is responsible for transmitting that information.

2.1.2 Key Coordination Points

Coordination Point	Information "In"	Agency Responsible	Information "Out"	Agency Responsible	Start	Finish
Technical Working Group/Technical Assessment Group Meetings (TWG/TAG)	Invitations to and agendas for TWG/TAG meetings	Authority	Attendance at pertinent meetings	TWG/TAG members	6/2009	12/2012
Project Scoping	Publish NOI/NOP and distribute to agencies, invite to scoping meetings, hold scoping meetings, provide draft purpose and need statement	FRA/Authority	Attend meetings, submit scoping comments and comments on purpose and need by end of comment period	Prospective Cooperating and Participating Agencies	9/2009	10/2009
Purpose and Need	Comments on draft Purpose and Need	Cooperating and Participating Agencies	Refine purpose and need based on comments	FRA/Authority	11/2009	1/2010
Range of Alternatives*	Comments on range of alternatives from scoping	Cooperating and Participating Agencies			12/2009	12/2009
	Screening Analysis	Authority			1/2010	4/2010
	Input from Alternatives workshop	Cooperating and Participating Agencies	Alternatives Analysis Report/EIS Alternatives Chapter	Authority	2/2010	2/2010
Collaboration on impact assessment methodologies	Draft methodologies	Authority	Comments on methodologies	Cooperating and Participating Agencies	1/2009	10/2009
Technical Reports	Draft technical reports	Authority	Comments on technical reports	Participating and Cooperating Agencies	7/2010	10/2011
Preparation/Circulation of Draft EIR/EIS	Analysis of affected environment and potential project impacts and coordination with agencies	FRA/Authority	Input and assistance on identification of resources and issues that could substantially delay permit approval and other project approvals	Cooperating Agencies	4/2010	12/2011
	Distribution of administrative draft of Draft EIR/EIS to Cooperating Agencies for review	FRA/Authority	Comments on Administrative Draft	Cooperating Agencies	2/2012	3/2012

Coordination Point	Information "In"	Agency Responsible	Information "Out"	Agency Responsible	Start	Finish
	Circulation of Draft EIS, publication and distribution of Notice of Availability/Notice of Completion, advertisement of public hearings, public hearings	FRA/Authority	Review of DEIS and comment within comment period	Cooperating and Participating Agencies	2/2012	3/2012
Identify Preferred Alternative	Summary of public comments and review of EIR/EIS analysis presented to CHSRA Board and identification of Preferred Alternative	FRA/Authority	Preferred Alternative	Cooperating and Participating Agencies	4/2012	7/2012
Preparation/Circulation of Final EIR/EIS	Update analysis where necessary, continue design of preferred alternative, refine mitigation, respond to comments	FRA/Authority	Input and assistance on identification of resources and issues that could delay permit approvals	Cooperating and Participating Agencies	2/2012	8/2012
	Publication and circulation of Final EIS, publication and distribution of Notice of Availability/Notice of Completion	FRA/Authority			9/2012	11/2012
Certify FEIR and adopt CEQA findings, Issue Notice of Determination (NOD)	ROD to cooperating agencies	FRA/Authority	Responsible agency CEQA and permit decisions	Cooperating Agencies Responsible Agencies	10/2012	12/2012
Issue Record of Decision (ROD)	NOD and CEQA findings to responsible agencies					
Permitting	Permit/approval application completion based on data in EIR/EIS and additional information from preliminary and final design	Authority	Coordination on permit completion and conditions and permit issuance	Cooperating Agencies as appropriate	11/2009	6/2013

*Additional detail for the alternatives analysis process is included in the California High-Speed Train Project Technical Memorandum: Alternatives Analysis Methods for Project-Level EIR/EIS, December 2008

3.0 Project Schedule

This section includes the key milestones and decision-making deadlines for each agency approval.

Bakersfield To Palmdale		2009				2010				2011				2012				2013	
		Quarter																	
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd
Draft EIR/EIS																			
	Scoping					X													
	Invitation to become Cooperating/Participating Agency					X													
	Refine Purpose and Need					X													
	Submit Final Public Participation Plan					X													
	Submit Scoping Report						X												
	Cooperating and Participating Agency Review of Methodologies						X												
	Refine and Finalize Analysis Methodologies						X												
	Technical Reports											X							
	T.R. - Traffic and Transit											X							
	T.R. - Air Quality											X							
	T.R. – Noise and Vibration											X							
	T.R. - Biological Resources and Wetland											X							
	T.R. – Hydrology and Water Resources											X							
	T.R. - Geology, Soils and Seismicity											X							
	T.R. - Hazardous Materials											X							
	T.R. - Communities and Environmental Justice											X							
	T.R. – Aesthetics and Visual Quality											X							
	T.R. - Cultural Resources and Paleontology											X							
	Cooperating Agency Review Technical Reports, as appropriate											X							
	Revise Technical Reports											X							
	EIS analysis of affected environment and project impacts												X						
	Distribute Administrative Draft EIR/EIS to Cooperating Agencies													X					
	Cooperating Agency Review of Administrative Draft													X					
	Revision of Administrative Draft EIR/EIS													X					
	Print and Distribute Draft EIR/EIS													X					
	Public Review/Hearings													X					
Final EIR/EIS																			
	Identify Locally Preferred Alternative															X			
	Prepare and Submit Draft Final EIR/EIS															X			

Bakersfield To Palmdale		2009				2010				2011				2012				2013	
		Quarter																	
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd
	Submit Draft Final EIR/EIS															X			
	Submit Findings and Statements of Overriding Conditions																X		
	Submit Final EIR/EIS																X		
	NOD/ROD																		
	Authority Board Certification of EIR/EIS and CEQA findings																X		
	Submit Draft NOD																X		
	Submit revised Draft NOD																X		
	Submit Draft ROD																X		
	Submit revised Draft ROD																X		
	FRA Clearance and Signature																X		

4.0 Coordination Meetings

The Regional Team, with the assistance of the Authority and FRA, will form agency coordination groups for the study area. These working groups will be composed of agency representatives that will likely be responsible for issuing environmental approvals and permits for the HST system. A minimum of three groups will be formed for the purpose of conducting coordination meetings:

1. Local and regional planning agencies;
2. Transportation agencies; and
3. Environmental resource agencies.

Each of these groups will be expected to meet a minimum of twice during the Alternative Analysis (AA) process and every three to six months during the project-level EIR/EIS process or as needed. This will provide forums for information exchange and coordination, which will inform the Authority's teams in developing project-level EIRs/EISs to support issuance of permits and approvals.

Coordination Point	Anticipated Date for Coordination Meeting	Purpose of Meeting
Scoping	January 2010	Identify range of alternatives, environmental effects and mitigation measures to be analyzed. Identify agency concerns.
Scoping Summary	February 2010	Overview of alternatives, summary of comments from scoping process
Initial Development of Range of Alternatives / Criteria for Evaluation	March 2010	Review initial range of alternatives, including design options and stations, and criteria for evaluation in AA and receive input from agencies.
AA Results	July 2010	Discuss results of alternatives analysis.
EIS Analysis: Existing Conditions (2 or 3 meetings)	August – November 2010	Discuss existing conditions information, clarify information and analysis needs where necessary
Resource Evaluation	January 2011	Coordination with resource agencies regarding resources in project area, potential impacts and mitigation concepts.
Pre-Distribution of Draft EIR/EIS	Summer 2011	Review draft EIS prior to publication to discuss analysis results and potential mitigation and address remaining issues.
Public Hearings/Comment Period	February - March 2012	Receive comments from agencies and public on the Draft EIR/EIS
Results from Comment Period	Spring 2012	Discuss agency comments and address issues
Pre-Distribution of Final EIR/EIS	September - November 2012	Resolve remaining issues

5.0 Revision History

Table 5-1 identifies changes to the Coordination Plan. This portion of the Coordination Plan will be active and filled out as progress occurs.

Version	Date	Name	Description
1	11/01/09	Tom Baily	Initial Release
Note: If a schedule was included in the original coordination plan and it is the item that requires modification, concurrence on the schedule change is required only if the schedule is being shortened and then only from cooperating agencies, not all participating agencies.			

6.0 Other Information